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Exploitation of Foreign Language Periodicals

1. Experience with the present method of exploitation of foreign language periodicals indicates that a change is desirable. Foreign Documents Branch therefore proposes to discontinue the publication, Periodical Abstracts (General), which it has issued during the past year, and substitute a series of separate Information Reports, representing extracts of non-technical articles of intelligence value selected from foreign periodicals. Each report would be a concise English summary of the intelligence information contained in the article, and would include all pertinent facts and figures, whereas the present abstracts are merely brief descriptions of the articles. A successful precedent for this type of exploitation by extract has been set by the Foreign Press Extracts currently produced by Foreign Documents Branch.

2. This method is believed most applicable to non-technical articles in the fields listed below. The present system of issuing abstracts and/or full translations of scientific and technical articles will be continued, and the publication of Periodical Abstracts (Scientific) will not be affected by the plan. Exact delineation of the material or subject matter to be covered by each series is difficult, in that one article may deal with the technical aspects of a subject, such as radio (development of new types of receivers) whereas another article may consider the subject from a sociological point of view (number of radio receivers per capita in a given country). In general, the new plan will be applied to non-technical articles in the following intelligence categories:

- a. political
- b. economic (including industry, agriculture, natural resources transportation, telecommunications, etc.)
- c. sociological
- d. topographic
- e. military (including organization, training, order of battle, intelligence, logistics, etc., but excluding technical aspects of weapons and equipment)

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3. It is thought that the following advantages would obtain through extracting, rather than abstracting, certain foreign language periodicals:

a. Complete exploitation initially, thereby providing the consumer with the actual intelligence information from such articles in one step.

b. More rapid, frequent, and accurate dissemination of intelligence information through a constant flow of individual information reports. Each report would be issued immediately after processing of the article, and would be confined to one subject or area, allowing direct routing to the interested desk or researcher.

4. It is requested, therefore, that your office solicit comments on the proposed method of presentation from users of the Periodical Abstracts, General series. Samples of the present and proposed methods are enclosed for use in this connection.

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PRESENT METHOD

USSR/Production Output 4101.0200 Jan 1948
Cost of Living 4105.

"Under the Banner of Lenin, Under the Guidance of
Stalin," Editorial, 2 pp

"Gorodskoye Khozyaystvo Moskvy" Vol XXII, No 1

Extolls economic progress made by country and by
Moscow in particular under Lenin-Stalin leadership.
Value of production for all industry increased by
22% in comparison with 1946. Moscow industry pro-
duced 29% more goods in 1947 than in 1946. State
trade organizations opened 746 new stores and shops,
and cooperative organizations, 575 new units in
connection with abolition of rationing and change-
over to open-market trading.

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PROPOSED METHOD

INFORMATION REPORT

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

COUNTRY USSR DATE DISTR. 11 Oct. 48
 SUBJECT Fulfillment of 2d/ Year of Five Year Plan NO. OF PAGES 1
 WHERE PUBLISHED Moscow NO. OF ENCLS.
 HOW PUBLISHED Monthly periodical
 DATE PUBLISHED Jan 48
 DATE OF INFORMATION 1947
 LANGUAGE Russian

SOURCE "Gorodskoye Khozyaystvo Moskv" (City Economy of Moscow) Vol XXII, No 1, Jan 1948

"Under the Banner of Lenin, Under the Guidance of Stalin"

Results of the second year of the postwar Five-Year Plan showed a 103.5 percent fulfillment of the plan for gross output and a 22 percent increase in industrial output over 1946.

The Moscow municipal plan was completed on 19 November, followed on 24 November by the all-oblast fulfillment of the plan. By October 1947 Moscow production had exceeded the 1940 average monthly output and was 29 percent above 1946 production.

The deciding factor in such a growth of production was increased labor productivity. In Moscow plants and factories more than 40,000 stakhanovites did two years' work in 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ months, while some 7,000 did three years' work. The patriotic initiative of stakhanovites, engineers, and technical workers had put the labor productivity of Moscow industry, by October 1947, 39 percent above the same period of 1946 and 32 percent above the prewar level.

Soviet agricultural output in 1947 averaged 48 percent over 1946. The gross grain crop was up 58 percent, cotton 21 percent, potatoes 30 percent, while the sugar beet yield almost trebled. The 1947 grain yield reached the prewar level. Moscow Oblast was among the many oblasts and krays which fulfilled their 1947 plans ahead of schedule, exceeding its prewar yields in grains, potatoes, and vegetables.

It was such agricultural triumphs as these that made possible the monetary reforms, the abolition of rationing, and the sale of merchandise at stabilized, reduced State prices. In Moscow, State trade organizations have opened 746 new stores and shops, while cooperative organizations of local industry have opened 575 new stores, shops, and public eating places.

The 1947 municipal expenditure in the revival and development of city economy was 1,250 million rubles, spent on housing, transport, water mains, drainage, streets, landscaping, and other social welfare measures.